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**For: REDUCTION CASTING METHOD, REDUCTION CASTING APPARATUS  
AND MOLDING DIE USING SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: